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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA (MANSFIELD, MIKE), ENRG, CH, RP

SUBJECT: CODEL MANSFIELD REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
ABOUT PRC OIL SALES TO PHILIPPINES

1. DURING CONGEN BRIEFING JANUARY 3, SENATOR MANSFIELD ASKED ABOUT PRC OIL SALES TO THE PHILIPPINES. HE MENTIONED A FIGURE OF ONE MILLION TONS, SAYING THIS HAD RESULTED FROM IMELDA MARCOS' VISIT, AND ASKED WHETHER WE COULD CONFIRM BOTH THE AMOUNT AND WHETHER THE PRC PRICE WAS BELOW THE WORLD MARKET PRICE. IN REPLY, WE MERELY NOTED THE ARRIVAL OF SOME 50,000 TONS AND SAID WE HAD NO PRICE INFORMATION. SENATOR REITERATED HIS INTEREST IN OBTAINING THIS INFORMATION.

2. AS WE HAVE NEITHER MOST CURRENT INFORMATION RE PRC-PI OIL DEAL AND DELIVERIES NOR FEELING FOR HOW YOU WANT TO PLAY THE PRICE QUESTION AND ANY US OIL COMPANY INTEREST, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PREPARING WHAT YOU CONSIDER APPROPRIATE RESPONSES TO THE
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SENATOR'S QUESTIONS.

3. THE SENATOR PLANS TO BE IN MANILA JANUARY 4-5 SO YOU
MAY WISH TO GIVE THEM TO HIM THEN. WE UNDERSTAND THAT
HE PLANS TO BE WORKING ON PRC OFF-SHORE OIL QUESTIONS
WHILE AT CINCPAC JANUARY 5-6, SO HIS ARRIVAL THERE IS
PROBABLY LATEST ACCEPTABLE DEADLINE FROM HIS POINT OF
VIEW.
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